

## Assembly Bill No. 2552

### CHAPTER 297

An act to amend Sections 10621, 10642, and 10644 of the Water Code, relating to water.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2552, Bates. Urban water supply planning.

(1) Existing law requires each urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan to update its plan at least once every 5 years. Existing law requires an urban water supplier to file with the Department of Water Resources a copy of its plan and any amendments to its plan, as prescribed.

This bill would require each urban water supplier to notify any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering changes to the plan and to file copies of its plan, and the amendments to its plan, with any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by increasing the level of services. The bill would authorize the urban water supplier to consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that receives notice of the supplier's review of its plan. The bill would require the urban water supplier to notify a city or county within which it provides water supplies with regard to the time and place of a hearing relating to the adoption of an urban water management plan.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 10621 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10621. (a) Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at least once every five years on or before December 31, in years ending in five and zero.

(b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan pursuant to this part shall notify any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban water supplier will

be reviewing the plan and considering amendments or changes to the plan. The urban water supplier may consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that receives notice pursuant to this subdivision.

(c) The amendments to, or changes in, the plan shall be adopted and filed in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with Section 10640).

SEC. 2. Section 10642 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10642. Each urban water supplier shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the service area prior to and during the preparation of the plan. Prior to adopting a plan, the urban water supplier shall make the plan available for public inspection and shall hold a public hearing thereon. Prior to the hearing, notice of the time and place of hearing shall be published within the jurisdiction of the publicly owned water supplier pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code. The urban water supplier shall provide notice of the time and place of hearing to any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies. A privately owned water supplier shall provide an equivalent notice within its service area. After the hearing, the plan shall be adopted as prepared or as modified after the hearing.

SEC. 3. Section 10644 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10644. (a) An urban water supplier shall file with the department and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies a copy of its plan no later than 30 days after adoption. Copies of amendments or changes to the plans shall be filed with the department and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies within 30 days after adoption.

(b) The department shall prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in six and one, a report summarizing the status of the plans adopted pursuant to this part. The report prepared by the department shall identify the outstanding elements of the individual plans. The department shall provide a copy of the report to each urban water supplier that has filed its plan with the department. The department shall also prepare reports and provide data for any legislative hearings designed to consider the effectiveness of plans submitted pursuant to this part.

SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

